

ALLUSIONS

Name _____

Each set of sentences below contains an allusion. Identify the allusion, then explain what the author wants you to understand from the allusion.

EX: "I don't know if this store carries shoes in your size, Sasquatch," my dad joked when we went shopping for another new pair of shoes, my second pair in two months.

Allusion: Sasquatch

Meaning: Legend says Sasquatch is huge; dad means the child's feet are big.

1. Doug showed off his new gold watch to his friend Rachel. "Nice watch, Jay Z!" Rachel gushed.

Allusion: _____

Meaning: _____

2. I hoped to sign the birthday card our team bought for Coach, but I couldn't find a spot to sign my name because someone went all John Hancock on it and signed his name across the whole card.

Allusion: _____

Meaning: _____

3. We were all starry-eyed as we stepped into the doctor's mansion. "I don't think Buckingham Palace is as fancy as this house!" Mom gasped under her breath.

Allusion: _____

Meaning: _____

4. He poured his heart out in the love letter to his girlfriend. The letter was as poetic as if Shakespeare himself had written it.

Allusion: _____

Meaning: _____

5. I poured myself a cup of coffee in the teacher's lounge and took a sip. It wasn't Starbucks, but the jolt of hot, steamy caffeine helped wake me up.

Allusion: _____

Meaning: _____

6. The three-year-old jumped out of the tub, leaving murky, dingy water in his wake. Staring into the tub, his dad exclaimed, "Wowsa. It's like the Boston Tea Party in there."

Allusion: _____

Meaning: _____